

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) A vehicle door ~~The outside handle apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising:~~
 - a handle frame fixed to a vehicle door;
 - a handle portion supported on the handle frame to be accessible from an outside of the vehicle door;
 - at least one electrical component housed in the handle portion;
 - a handle-side connected portion provided at the handle portion and electrically connected to the at least one electrical component housed in the handle portion;
 - a frame-side connected portion provided at the handle frame, the frame-side connected portion being adapted to be engaged with the handle-side connected portion, and the frame-side connected portion being electrically connected with the handle-side connected portion;

wherein the frame-side connected portion is adapted to come in contact with the handle-side connected portion to pivot the frame-side connected portion, wherein the electrical connection between the handle-side connected portion and the frame-side connected portion is achieved;

wherein the handle-side connected portion includes at least one first lead and the frame-side connected portion includes at least one second lead, the at least one first lead of the handle-side connected portion engaged with the at least one second lead of the frame-side connected portion to provide the electrical connection; and

~~means for biasing~~ for applying a biasing force to the frame-side connected portion to urge the frame-side connected portion toward the handle-side connected portion to electrically connect the frame-side connected portion with the handle-side connected portion.

5. The outside handle apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the means for biasing is provided at the handle frame and includes at least one of a torsion spring, a leaf spring, and a rubber.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An outside handle apparatus ~~according to claim 8, further~~ comprising:

a handle frame fixed to a vehicle door;

a handle portion supported on the handle frame to be accessible from an outside of the vehicle door;

at least one electrical component housed in the handle portion;

a handle-side connected portion provided at the handle portion and electrically connected to the at least one electrical component housed in the handle portion;

a frame-side connected portion provided at the handle frame;

the handle-side connected portion being adapted to be engaged with the frame-side connected portion, and the handle-side connected portion being electrically connected with the frame-side connected portion;

wherein the handle-side connected portion is adapted to come in contact with the frame-side connected portion to pivot the handle-side connected portion, wherein the electrical connection between the handle-side connected portion and the frame-side connected portion is achieved;

wherein the handle-side connected portion includes at least one first lead and the frame-side connected portion includes at least one second lead, the at least one first lead of the handle-side connected portion engaged with the at least one second lead of the frame-side connected portion to achieve the electrical connection; and

~~means for biasing for~~ applying a biasing force to the handle-side connected portion to urge the handle-side connected portion toward the frame-side connected

portion to electrically connect the handle-side connected portion with the frame-side connected portion.

10. The outside handle apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the means for biasing is provided at the handle portion and includes at least one of a torsion spring, a leaf spring, and a rubber.

11. (Currently Amended) The outside handle apparatus according to claim ~~7~~ 9, wherein the handle-side connected portion and the frame-side connected portion are electrically connected when the handle-side connected portion is mated with the frame-side connected portion.

12. The outside handle apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the handle frame includes means for engaging the frame-side connected portion, and the handle-side connected portion includes means for allowing the handle portion to be assembled at a predetermined position after completely mating the handle-side connected portion with the frame-side connected portion.

13. The outside handle apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the means for allowing the handle portion to be assembled at the predetermined position releases the engaged condition of the frame-side connected portion engaged by the means for engaging.

14. The outside handle apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the handle-side connected portion of the handle portion is a connector, and the frame-side connected portion of the handle frame is a connector holder, the connector being engaged with the connector holder to provide the electrical connection.

15. The outside handle apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the handle-side connected portion of the handle portion is a connector, and the frame-side connected portion of the handle frame is a connector holder, the connector being engaged with the connector holder to provide the electrical connection.

16. (Canceled)

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